

Event & Date	Suggested teaching activities
February 2 nd - World Wetland Day	- Research your local wetland and the animals that are native to the area. - Create a poster on ways to protect waterways and wetlands. - Identify the role of wetlands – prepare a presentation to share your knowledge.
February 11 th – Women & girls in science day	- Research female scientists and their contribution to innovation. - Create a poster on a famous female scientist. - Write a biography on what you would invent as a female scientist.
March 1 st – Clean Up Australia Day	- Create posters to engage the school community. - Get donations from local businesses (Bunnings) to assist with clean up events – buckets, tongs, gloves etc. - Research the amount of waste diverted since Clean Up Australia Day began. - Create promotional videos for the school community to get involved in Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday March 3rd.
March 22 nd – National Ride 2 School day	- Get the whole school involved in riding their bikes, scooters or walking to school on this day. - Conduct a count of the most students who ride or walk to school in each class and award a class winner.
March 22 nd – World Water Day	- Conduct a water audit – place buckets under drinking taps and assign water collectors to monitor and record water captured in these buckets throughout the day. - Promote BYO drink bottles by creating posters or advertising in the school newsletter.
March 23 rd – Earth Hour	- Research Earth Hour and share knowledge from your findings. - Create a list of activities to do during earth hour without any power.
April 22 nd – Earth Day	- Planet Vs Plastics theme for 2024 – What sustainable swaps can you make in your lunchbox to eliminate plastics? - Host a nude food day or week to encourage zero single use plastics.
May 5 th – 11 th – International Compost Awareness Week	- Get active in your school garden – compost your garden beds. - Invest in some worm farms/ SubPods / Composting caddys and get creative with selling worm wee. Create posters and a stall for before/after school. Design Worm Wee stickers for labelling and ask the school community to donate used glass jars.
May 20 th – World Bee Day	- Explore the important role of bees. - Create an infographic (online or paper copy) about bees.
May 23 rd – Outdoor Classroom Day	- Learn outside! - Check out available resources below https://outdoorclassroomday.com/resources/
June 5 th – World Environment Day	- Create environment protection slogans to share with the school community. - Host 'turn it off' or 'power down' hours at school to conserve energy.
June 8 th – World Oceans Day	- Research the role of oceans. - Create an infographic on a marine animal of your choice. - Create a drawing of a marine animal. - Create an acrostic poem about the Ocean.

Environmental Calendar for educators

July – Plastic Free July	○ Encourage the whole school to take part in Plastic Free July – buying no packaged items for the whole of July/ making plastic swaps like bringing your own reusable coffee cup. ○ Bring your own container for school canteen lunches. ○ Conduct bin audits each day – tally up the amount of plastic in the school each day of July. Prepare a report for the school assembly or newsletter.
July 28 th – National Tree Day (for Schools)	○ Conduct a whole school planting day. ○ Reach out to local businesses to support you – or volunteer their time to teach you about native vegetation (local nurseries/ bunnings/ plant stores).
August 5 th – 11 th – Keep Australia Beautiful Week	○ Research initiatives to clean up your local community, create campaigns to get the school community involved. ○ Create posters/ presentations on what families can do at their homes or in the neighbourhood to clean up our community. ○ Promote the slogan for Keep Australia Beautiful Week - #ReduceWhatsInYourBin
September – Biodiversity month	○ Prepare a presentation about biodiversity – what is it and why is Australia considered 'mega-diverse'. ○ Create a song, rap, poem or slogan about biodiversity and ways to promote biodiversity in your local area.
September 7 th – National Threatened Species Day	○ Research a native threatened species, identifying the threats the animal or plant faces and ways to protect it. ○ Enter the Australian Conservation Foundation 'Wild at Art' competition.
October 7 th – World Habitat Day	○ Create a diorama of a habitat within your local community (bushland, forest, ocean, tundra, rainforests etc) ○ Identify local habitats and the animals and plants that live there, explore ways to protect them.
October – TBC Aussie Backyard Bird Count	○ Get involved in counting birdlife within your school or home. ○ Draw some of the species you see and research them to identify the type of bird.
November – TBC – National Recycling Week	○ Create a Word Art relating to recycling to display in the classroom or promote in the school newsletter. ○ Write a persuasive letter detailing why you should recycle. ○ Conduct a waste audit of your school for the week, compare each classrooms effort.